



## The City of San Diego

### Staff Report

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TO: City Council

FROM: Office of The Mayor

SUBJECT: Declaring a Continued State of Local Emergency Regarding COVID-19 Virus

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Council District(s): Citywide

#### OVERVIEW:

This action declares a continued State of Local Emergency in the City of San Diego in response to COVID-19, first proclaimed by the Mayor on March 12, 2020 and extended by the City Council on April 14, 2020, May 12, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 4, 2020, and September 29, 2020. Approval of this item will declare a continued State of Local Emergency to be in effect.

#### PROPOSED ACTIONS:

Adopt a resolution declaring a continued State of Local Emergency regarding the COVID-19 threat to the City of San Diego, pursuant to California Government Code section 8630.

#### DISCUSSION OF ITEM:

The San Diego County Public Health Officer previously determined that, due to the large population and geographic location of San Diego County, combined with the worldwide spread of COVID-19, there was a potential threat of introduction of COVID-19 in San Diego County. On February 19, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors ratified the February 14, 2020 Public Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency. Additionally, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern," and on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency.

On March 12, 2020, the Mayor proclaimed a State of Local Emergency in the City of San Diego in preparation and response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the community. On March 17, 2020, the City Council ratified the State of Local Emergency and approved all orders and regulations promulgated

by the Mayor, and issued, and carried out by City officers and City officials from February 14, 2020 until the passage of the resolution.

As of October 29, 2020, the County of San Diego has reported a total of 55,540 positive cases and 881 deaths due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

California Government Code section 8630 authorizes local governing bodies to proclaim local emergencies when such events occur as are defined by California Government Code section 8558(c), provided further by section 8630 that the local governing body must review the state of emergency at least every sixty days until the emergency is declared to be terminated and shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

The City Council declared a continued State of Local Emergency in the City of San Diego on April 14, 2020, May 12, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 4, 2020, and September 29, 2020. Since the last extension of the local state of emergency, COVID-19 has continued to impact nearly all sectors of California and the State of Emergency has continued at the State level. As of September 10, 2020, the County is in Tier 2, or the Red Tier, which indicates that the region is under a substantial risk of the spread of the virus under the State's color-coded, four-tier system that dictates what can reopen and how businesses can operate. State orders in effect continue to recommend practicing safe physical distancing and wearing masks in public places and indoors where safe physical distancing cannot be observed. Per Federal and State guidance, the necessary requirements for lifting the state of emergency declaration and associated policies have not been observed.

Fiscal Considerations:

N/A

Charter Section 225 Disclosure of Business Interests:

N/A; there is no contract associated with this action.

City Strategic Plan Goal(s)/Objective(s):

Goal 1: Provide high quality public service

Objective 2: Improve external and internal coordination and communication

Goal 2: Work in partnership with all of our communities to achieve safe and livable neighborhoods

Objective 1: Protect lives, property, and the environment through timely and effective response in all communities

Objective 4: Foster services that improve quality of life

Environmental Impact:

This activity is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as it is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The determination that this activity is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3).

Equal Opportunity Contracting Information (if applicable):

N/A

Previous Council and/or Committee Actions:

The City Council declared a continued State of Local Emergency in the City of San Diego due to COVID-19 on April 14, 2020, May 12, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 4, 2020 and September 29, 2020.

Key Stakeholders and Community Outreach Efforts:  
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